

Proclamation Presented

To the Honolulu Black Nurses' Association

WHEREAS, the Honolulu Black Nurses' Association, was organized in 1971 and is a local chapter of the National Black Nurses' Association which represents more than 150,000 African American nurses, nursing students and retired nurses throughout Hawai'i and the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Honolulu Black Nurses' Association is a professional organization which advocates health equity among our communities, with an emphasis on serving African Americans and other ethnic minority groups; and seeks to build consumer knowledge and understanding of health care issues; and

WHEREAS, the Honolulu Black Nurses' Association is committed to providing excellence in education, mentoring and teaching future nurses; providing academic scholarships for students; and providing continuing education for nurses and other allied health care professionals throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, the Honolulu Black Nurses' Association recognizes that Evidence-Based Practice and Research is used to implement needed, timely, and culturally-appropriate interventions to improve the health of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Honolulu Black Nurses' Association will celebrate its 17th Anniversary on Saturday, February 9, 2013, with a banquet at the Seven Palms Bar & Grille, with the theme of "Healthy Living 2013;"

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim February 9, 2013, as

"HONOLULU BLACK NURSES' DAY IN HAWAI'I"

and encourage citizens of the Aloha State to join us in expressing our appreciation to all the Honolulu Black Nurses' Association members, nursing students and retired nurses for their contributions to the health and wellness of our communities.

DONE, at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this seventh day of February 2013.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE Governor, State of Hawai'i SHAN S. TSUTSUI

Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i